

As a homeschooler who relies heavily upon the news media to provide social studies programming, I am intensely aware of the contrasts among the various media in coverage and interpretation of our world. Case in point: The lack of coverage outside our PBS affiliate of the upcoming FCC vote on changing media ownership rules demonstrates the vulnerability of the American public to restriction and manipulation of flow of information.

In order to be citizens well versed in the issues facing our elected officials, we need a variety of media voices from which to draw information.

While online sources of news are produced, these are not as widely available to the general public as radio, television and print.

I urge Chairman Powell to retain the current ownership rules when the decision is made on June 2nd.

Yours respectfully,

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